

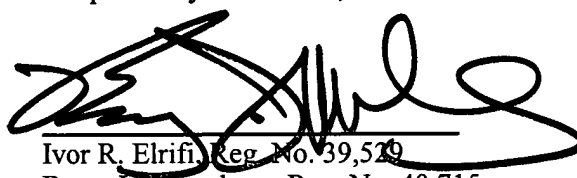
SECOND SUPPLEMENTAL PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT are, however, incorrect and Applicants respectfully request the insertion of the corrected Sequences set forth herein above. Specifically, in SEQ ID NOs: 25-27, as recited on page 1 of the April 15, 2002 RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT AND SECOND SUPPLEMENTAL PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT, each sequence should end in Glu not Gln.

Applicants point out the Sequences (SEQ ID NOs:25-27) in Appendix A ("VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE ") on page 10 of the April 15, 2002 RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT AND SECOND SUPPLEMENTAL PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT are shown correctly.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above arguments and comments, Applicants respectfully submit that the present case is in condition for allowance, and as such a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested. Should there be any questions regarding these amendments and remarks, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned at the telephone number provided below.

Respectfully submitted,



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